A.—SRI K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Co-operation and Housing).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

FIRE ACCIDENT IN THE HARIJAN COLONY OF DODDATEKAHALLI.

*Q.—966. SRI J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the houses in the Harijan colony in Doddatekahalli, in Sidlaghatta Taluk, Kolar District were destroyed by fire and the number of houses so destroyed;

(*b*) the extent of land acquired by them for the extension of the said colony;

(*c*) the reasons for not forming the sites in the said land;

(*d*) the time required for providing facilities to the Harijans of the said colony;

(*e*) whether it has come to their notice that about 80 families are residing in 20 guntas of land there?

A.—SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) 38 houses in March 1959 and 5 houses in 1963.

(*b*) 2 acres and 15 guntas.

(*c*) The possession of the land has been given to the village panchayat on 15th May 1964 for demarcation and assignment to these victims. The Chairman of the Panchayat is attending to this work.

(*d*) It is not clear from the question what facilities are contemplated. Nevertheless as there are no schemes in the Department of Social Welfare for sanctioing house building grants, the sufferers have been advised to form a co-operative house building society and approach the appropriate authorities, for obtaining house building loan and the free grant of timber.

(*e*) No.